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testing samples selected and may witness the tests upon request.

#### § 164.009-25 Marking.

The manufacturer must mark each shipping container for an approved noncombustible material with the approval number and date of approval of the material.

# Subpart 164.012—Interior Finishes for Merchant Vessels

#### § 164.012-1 Applicable specifications.

- (a) The following specifications, of the issue in effect on the contract date for the particular installation on any vessel, form a part of this subpart:
- (1) American Society for Testing Materials' standard: E 84–98, Standard Test Method for Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Materials.
- (2) National Fire Protection Association's standard: NFPA No. 255—Method of Test of Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Materials.
- (3) Coast Guard specifications: 164.008—Bulkhead Panels for Merchant Vessels. 164.009—Incombustible Materials for Merchant Vessels.
- (b) A copy of this subpart, together with copies of the specifications referred to in this section, shall be kept on file by the manufacturer of any Interior Finish except those qualifying under §164.012-5(c). It should be noted that the standards listed in paragraphs (a) (1) and (2) of this section are identical and, therefore, only one need to be kept on file. The Coast Guard specifications may be obtained upon request from the Commandant (CG-ENG), U.S. Coast Guard, 2100 2nd St., SW., Stop 7126, Washington, DC 20593-7126. The American Society for Testing Materials Standards may be purchased from that society at 100 Barr Harbor Drive, West Conshohocken, PA 19428-2959. The National Fire Protection Association Standard may be purchased from that association at 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02269.

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## § 164.012-5 Scope.

- (a) The purpose of this specification is to set forth the fire protection standards for "Interior Finishes" applied to "Bulkhead Panels" or "Incombustible Materials" approved under subpart 164.008 or 164.009 of this subchapter. The term "Interior Finish" means any coating, overlay, or veneer except standard paint which is applied for decorative or other purpose. It includes not only the visible finish, but all material used in its composition and in its application to the approved "Bulkhead Panel" or "Incombustible Material." When finishes are applied to both sides of a panel, each must comply with this specification.
- (b) "Interior Finishes" of not more than 0.075" thickness qualifying under §164.012–10 and those materials which are described in paragraph (c) of this section, may be used without restriction on all merchant vessels, including those locations where combustible veneers, trim, moldings, and decorations are specifically prohibited by subpart 72.05 of subchapter H (Rules and Regulations for Passenger Vessels) of this chapter.
- (c) With the exception of nitrocellulose or other highly inflammable or noxious fume-producing paints or lacquers (which are prohibited), a limited number of coats of any standard paint, or any "Incombustible Material" proved under subpart 164.009 of this subchapter in any thickness, or a combination thereof, are considered as automatically satisfying the intent of this specification and no test or proof of compliance will be required. Paint may be applied to one or both sides of "Bulkhead Panels" or "Incombustible Materials," but it shall never be applied as an internal layer in sandwich or laminar construction.

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# §164.012-10 Requirements.

(a) For an "Interior Finish" to qualify under this specification it shall not be more than 0.075 inch thick (including adhesive and any underlayment) and shall be subjected to the test described in either standard listed in §164.012-1(a) (1) or (2). The "Interior